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### REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the notification of allowable subject matter, i.e., that claims 6, 7, and 11-15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claim 12 was objected to because "protect" should be replaced with "project", which change has been made according to the present amendment. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because of the language "a pre-defined image pattern, in particular a human eye". This language has been replaced throughout the claims with "that is an eye", thereby obviating the rejection. In other words, as amended, the claims recite a pre-defined image pattern that is an eye. Claim 2 has been amended to remove the "in particular" language with respect to "a Hough transform", thereby obviating the rejection. Regarding claims 14 and 15, the term "e.g." has been removed from the claims. It is believed that all rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, have been appropriately addressed and overcome by the present amendment.

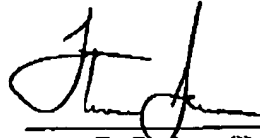
Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 6, which is canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claim 1 should be in condition for allowance.

New claims 17 and 18 incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 11 and 12, respectively, and the subject matter of intervening claims. Therefore, claims 17 and 18 should be in condition for allowance.

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It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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